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*'We went way above and beyond what we expected.'*

PARENT BARBARA CAREY



Regina Carey, 5, watches parent volunteer Kim Shaw paint a classroom at Thompson School. Parents have been volunteering on the weekends to beautiful the elementary school.

STAFF PHOTO BY HOLLY SCHMIDT

## Thompson parents show can-do spirit

BY ROBERTO SCALESE  
STAFF WRITER

Teachers and students walking into Thompson School this fall will be greeted with vibrant new colors and cleaner rooms, thanks to an effort by parents to scrub and paint the school.

Parent Kim Shaw said the Thompson PTO Beautification Committee cooked up the idea of painting classrooms. While everyone expected to help, no one thought the groups would get to as many classrooms as it had.

"We were told to try and get four rooms done. We were optimistic and bought for eight rooms," said Shaw. "We have now touched almost every

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PARENT KIM SHAW

room in this building."

"We started looking to do four rooms and we ended up doing at least fifteen classrooms," said Thompson Principal Mike McCabe.

"We went way above and beyond

what we expected," said parent Barbara Carey.

Shaw said the paint was donated by Home Depot in Somerville. The hardware mega-store was excited about the project, said Shaw.

"They were very quick to say 'yes.' They were great," said Shaw.

McCabe said the effort of the parents is appreciated by the school staff.

"We talked about ways to help with morale for when teachers come back because there is a lot of loss going on and if we could do some concrete things that would help," said McCabe. "Knowing someone did something for you is always a nice thing."

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## Peirce Field rink explored

BY ROBERTO SCALESE  
STAFF WRITER

A rink in both their houses?

Advocates for expanding the Veterans Memorial Sports Center on Summer Street are considering an alternate plan that would put a new facility at Peirce Field, rather than an addition to the current site.

According to the Sports Center Improvement Committee Chairman Tom Caccavaro, the groups would consider placing a second hockey rink or other type of facility at the high school field.

"It's an idea that came up," said Caccavaro. "It may be a good fit."

School Superintendent Kay Donovan said she would love to have a facility behind the high school, but is concerned that the financial times may make that impossible.

"We would love to have

some sort of sports facility here," said Donovan. "If the money could be raised, that would be great."

The idea of a field house behind the high school is not new. Peirce Field is being cleaned for contaminants. The field was once under a pond which was used by companies to dump chemicals decades ago.

Part of the remediation agreement between the town and responsible companies cleaning the field is money for a building foundation at Peirce Field.

Donovan said the schools were mulling over how to raise cash for a field house before the economy went south.

"We spoke to Town Meeting about having a sports facility on the old soccer field and we were looking to raise part of that money to do

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## Schools will deal with fewer bodies

BY ROBERTO SCALESE  
STAFF WRITER

Firings, retirements, resignations and leaves of absence will leave the school system with 106 fewer teachers than last year. That number does not include assistants and aides, according to Superintendent of Schools Kay Donovan.

"Some of the retirements allowed the less experienced teachers to be recalled. There were more at the elementary level," said Donovan.

Both Donovan and School Committee Chairman Suzanne Baratta Owayda said there was a financial loss asso-

ciated with teachers defecting to other school districts. The town pays a premium for professional development and allowing other communities to scoop up teachers is, in effect, paying for someone else's asset.

"Arlington chose not to support its schools and we will pay for that many times over. We spent a lot of time and energy mentoring and training those teachers and now another community is reaping the benefit of our efforts," said Owayda. "That is really wasteful and can be translated into real dollars that we spent, but is now

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## Neighbors prepare to honor an old friend — Spy Pond

BY KRISTINE MCCAFFREY  
SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE

Youngsters and adults have made bass, hawks, turtles and other bird and mammal puppets in preparation for Saturday's Friends of Spy Pond Park Festival and Parade.

The parade will kickoff the event at noon, starting at Linwood Circle in East Arlington, which is near Walgreens and the Getty gas station.

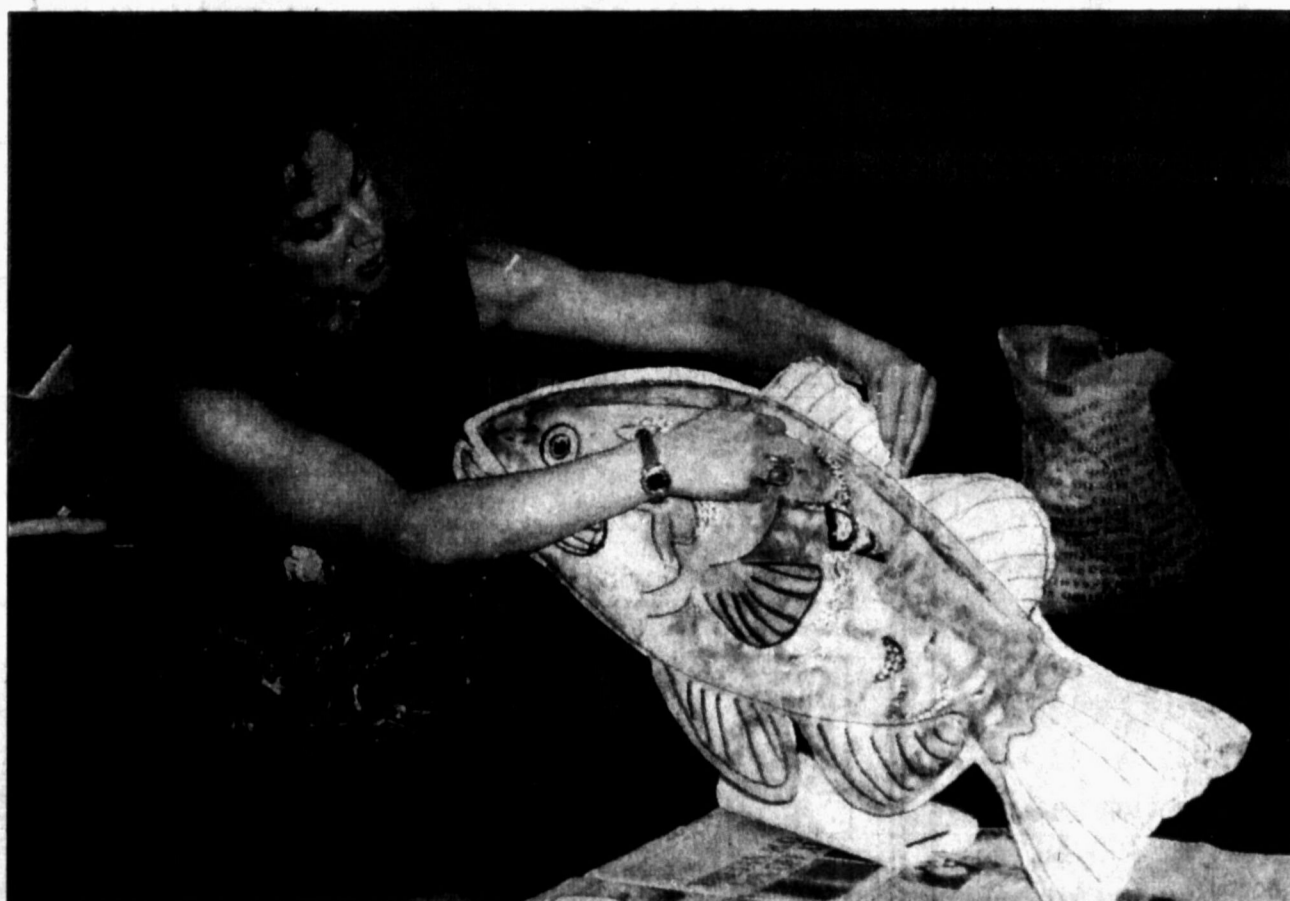
Maya Apfelbaum and Myra Schwartz, two active members of Friends of Spy Pond Park, explained the objective of the parade and festival.

"The mission is to maintain the integrity of the pond and park through outreach. Friends of Spy Pond Park is working along with Carol Johnson, a consulting firm, in the Spy Pond Park restoration plan," said Schwartz, a co-coordinator of the event.

"This is an event for the whole family," said Apfelbaum, who focused her master's studies on art, culture and ecology and continues to become an environmental educator through art. "To care, you have to make art. Fresh water is a huge environmental concern and a global concern as well. It is a focus of the U.N. and there always needs to be more awareness. We are celebrating the community and appreciation of this public space."

Apfelbaum has led two workshops in the

■ SEE SPY POND, PAGE 13



Maya Apfelbaum shows youngsters a fish she made that will appear at Saturday's Friends of Spy Pond Park Festival and Parade. Apfelbaum will lead another workshop in the Robbins Library Community Room tomorrow.

STAFF PHOTO BY LES MASTERSON

### INSIDE



### Standpipe is second at Park Circle site

This month's Harvesting History explores the Park Circle standpipe.

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# FOR THE RECORD

## POLICE LOG

The following are excerpts from the Arlington Police Department log. The log is available to the public.

### Monday, July 14

- At 1:46 p.m., police received a report from a Mill Street store concerning four teens stealing three baseball bats that were worth more than \$700. Witnesses described the youths as white males, in their early teens. One was wearing an Arlington Christmas Tournament T-shirt.
- At 4:02 p.m., an officer responded to Stratton School after a report of children climbing on the roof. The officer spoke to the youths, who were retrieving their football.
- At 5:42 p.m., a Massachusetts Avenue resident reported an egged motor vehicle.

### Tuesday, July 15

- At 5:40 a.m., an employee at a Massachusetts Avenue business notified police after someone smashed a front window with a rock.
- At 2:18 p.m., police responded to Harlow Street regarding a larceny by check and identity fraud.
- At 4:26 p.m., a Massachusetts Avenue resident reported a missing checkbook.

### Wednesday, July 16

- At 8:13 a.m., a Coolidge Road resident called police regarding a scratched motor vehicle.
- At 11:17 a.m., a Brattle Street resident notified police

about someone stealing mail since February. Police are investigating.

- At 11:37 a.m., a Germaine Lawrence School counselor reported a student pushed her against a wall and elbowed her in the chest. Police are investigating.
- At 12:29 p.m., police received a call regarding a person stealing several bags of coffee beans from a Massachusetts Avenue business. An officer stopped a vehicle fitting the description and identified the suspect. Police will summons the suspect to court on the charge.
- At 3:09 p.m., an employee at a Massachusetts Avenue business reported someone forced open a vending machine and stole \$20 worth of quarters.
- At 9:26 p.m., a Massachusetts Avenue resident reported a smashed car window.

### Thursday, July 17

- At 8:03 a.m., police responded to Summer Street regarding a car break-in. A thief allegedly forced open a door and stole three martial arts swords and a spear.
- At 8:54 a.m., police received the first of four calls regarding car break-ins on Watermill Place. Two cellular phones, a car antenna, and more than \$25 worth of change were stolen from the vehicles.
- At 2 p.m., an employee at a Massachusetts Avenue business reported car parts, totaling \$174, were taken.
- At 5:47 p.m., police responded to Massachusetts

Avenue regarding credit card fraud.

### Friday, July 18

- At 7:01 a.m., an Orchard Terrace resident reported someone stole a plant and cactus from a side yard.
- At 10:02 a.m., a Park Street resident reported lawn chairs were stolen from her porch.
- At 1:55 p.m., an officer picked up a stray German shepherd and brought it to the pound.
- At 2:35 p.m., a Massachusetts Avenue resident reported motor vehicle vandalism, possibly by a BB pellet.
- At 9:59 p.m., police secured construction fence that had been knocked down at Robbins Farm Park.

### Saturday, July 19

- At 12:36 a.m., police responded to a call regarding a smoking car on Hodge Road. Police discovered a trail of oil from the scene of an accident on Ridge Street where a motorist struck a tree to Hodge Road. Police cited the driver with leaving the scene of an accident.
- At 1:04 a.m., police recovered a motor vehicle that had been stolen in Lowell on Park Avenue.
- At 6:28 a.m., a woman reported her friend had not returned home to Massachusetts Avenue. Police entered the 41-year-old woman's name as a missing person.
- At 10:03 a.m., police received a call regarding a suspicious person on Concord

### Monday, July 14

- At 11:40 a.m., police arrested William C. Hall, 37, 88A Memorial Way, and charged him with domestic assault and battery. Officer Dennis Mahoney made the arrest.
- At 10:30 p.m., police arrested James Joseph Powers, 19, 276 Massachusetts Ave., Apt. 212, and charged him on a warrant for operating a motor vehicle after his license was suspended and negligently operating a motor vehicle. Officer Michael Flynn served the warrant at Powers' home.

### Wednesday, July 16

- At 1:30 a.m., police arrested Carolyn E. Imbres, 20, 47 Bowman Dr., Greenwich, Conn., and charged her with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, failing to stop for police while operating a motor vehicle and failing to keep right. Officer Lisa Chinal was on Massachusetts Avenue near Grove Street when she saw a vehicle going the wrong way. She followed in pursuit, but the driver, Imbres, reportedly did not pull over until Pleasant Street. Chinal asked Imbres to perform field sobriety tests, which she failed. Police checked the driver's blood alcohol level, which was reportedly .17 and .16 percent. The officer made the arrest.

### Thursday, July 17

- At 9:20 p.m., police arrested Justin Manuel, a.k.a. Justin Harden, 17, 79 Trow-

## Arrests

bridge St., and charged him with assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, being a minor transporting/carrying alcohol, providing a false name to police, and being a disorderly person. Officer Stephen Krepelka responded to Massachusetts Avenue regarding two youths allegedly harassing a female. The officer spoke to Manuel, who reportedly possessed alcohol and gave a false name to Krepelka. The officer told Manuel he was under arrest, but the 17-year-old hit Krepelka in the chest with his elbow and tried to flee. The officer allegedly attempted to subdue Manuel and needed pepper spray to stop the suspect from kicking him. Krepelka made the arrest.

### Saturday, July 19

- At 7:20 p.m., police arrested Dwayne K. Felder Jr., 33, 122 Lexington Ave., Providence, R.I., and charged him on a warrant for shoplifting. Officer Bryan Gallagher responded to Fremont Street regarding an unwanted guest. Gallagher spoke to Felder at the scene and found there was a warrant for his arrest. The officer made the arrest.

### Sunday, July 20

- At 4:45 p.m., police arrested William J. Polito, 38, 16 Lafayette St., and charged him on a warrant for possessing a Class D substance and resisting arrest. Officer Michael Flynn served the warrant to Polito at his Lafayette Street home.

### Saturday, July 20

- At 4:32 p.m., an Old Colony Lane resident reported two bikes, which were locked to a pole, had been stolen.
- At 11:36 p.m., a Fabyan Street resident notified police about a house egging.

## New assistant rabbi at temple

Judi Bohn will be hosting a Meet the New Rabbi reception in her Arlington home at 38 Academy St. on Saturday, July 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. for Rabbi Stephanie Alexander, a recent arrival in Arlington, who assumed the position of assistant rabbi at Temple Isaiah in Lexington.

Temple Isaiah is a Reform Jewish congregation located at 55 Lincoln St., Lexington. For information, call the temple at 781 862-7160.

## Meetings

### Thursday, July 24

- Town Day Committee meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Selectmen's Hearing Room, Town Hall, second floor.
- Contributory Retirement Board meets at 4:30 p.m. in the Community Safety Building, second-floor meeting

room.

- Conservation Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, second-floor conference room.
- Historic Districts Commission meets at 8 p.m. in the Whittemore-Robbins House.

### Monday, July 28

- Board of Selectmen meets at 7:15 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, second floor.

p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, second-floor conference room.

### Thursday, Aug. 7

- Conservation Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex, second-floor conference room.

### Tuesday, Aug. 5

- Permanent Town Building Committee meets at 7:30

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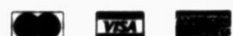
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# Police Dept. continue graffiti investigation

BY LES G. MASTERSON  
STAFF WRITER

Arlington Police continue to investigate the racist, anti-Semitic, anti-police graffiti that vandals spray-painted on a police vehicle, Recreation Department van, and residents' cars the early morning hours of July 15 near the Donald R. Marquis Minuteman Trail.

The Police Department's animal control van, parked at the department's animal control pound on Grove Street, was one of the vehicles hit. In addition to numerous swastikas, the vandals wrote "Die pigs" and "Kill niggers" on the vehicle.

The vandals also hit Brattle Drive where they spray-painted numerous vehicles, before damaging a Recreation Department van at the Veterans Memorial Sports Center.

In addition to detectives

following up on the investigation, Police Chief Fred Ryan said police have increased uniform patrols. They have been checking up on anyone deemed suspicious, such as people on the Donald R. Marquis Minuteman Trail after dark. Police believe the trail was used during the crime spree.

Police, who continuously check buildings and vehicles during normal patrols, are now informing dispatch of their reviews. This is done in case there are other incidents and police would be able to establish a timeline, said Ryan.

During their patrols, officers have found spray paint on buildings, but none that either appear new or are hateful in nature.

Anyone with information relating to these crimes should call the Arlington Police Department at 781-643-1212.

# Cambridge Savings Bank robbed

BY LES G. MASTERSON  
STAFF WRITER

A bank robber reportedly fled with an undetermined amount of money from Cambridge Savings Bank Tuesday afternoon.

Shortly after 3 p.m. Tuesday, a man walked into the bank at 626 Massachusetts Ave. and passed a note and verbally demanded money. The teller complied and handed over an unknown amount of cash, according to police.

He took back the note and fled on foot, but witnesses did not see in which direction. Police do not know the exact wording in the note and are unsure if he was armed. He did not show a weapon during the robbery.

"We are in the process of analyzing video footage and the case remains under investigation," said Police Chief

Fred Ryan.

Ryan said the incident is the first bank robbery in more than a year in Arlington and police are unsure if this case is connected to recent bank robberies in other communities.

"The detectives are working on it and checking throughout the region. At this point, there are no solid leads," said Ryan.

The suspect is described as a

white male, between the ages of 21 and 25, with a tall, thin build (approximately 6 feet tall), who was clean shaven and wearing a blue Boston Red Sox cap with a red brim.

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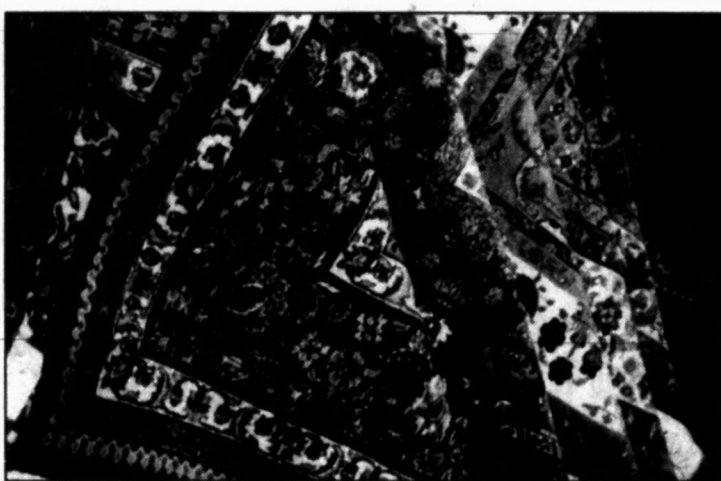
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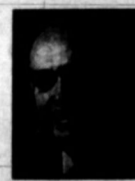
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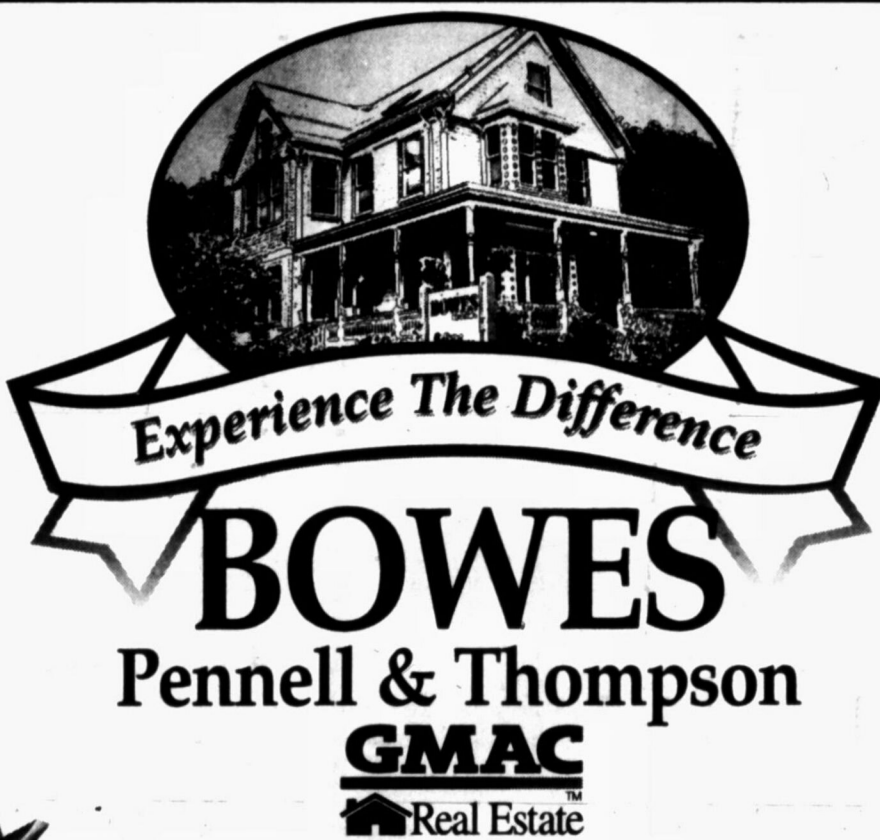
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# History

A MONTHLY LOOK AT ARLINGTON'S PAST

## Ancient Greece comes to Arlington Heights

Current standpipe is second at Park Circle site

BY LES G. MASTERSON  
STAFF WRITER

When it came time to replace the 30-year-old standpipe on top of Peirce's Hill, now called Park Circle, the Robbins sisters came to the rescue.

The three women, whose family donated such buildings as the Whittemore-Robbins House, Town Hall and Robbins Library, donated the \$2 million standpipe, which gave a tip of the hat to Ancient Greece.

The original standpipe was built in 1894 — two years after the Robbins family donated the building that would become Robbins Library. While the library is considered a jewel, the 1894 standpipe lacked the same beauty.

Arlington built the first standpipe in hopes of fixing the water-quality problems

that plagued the town since it went on-line in 1872, according to Arlington historian Richard A. Duffy.

Arlington began drawing from wells driven near the East Lexington railroad station and storing the water in the standpipe. Alas, though water quantity issues were resolved, water-quality problems continued as excessive iron content led Arlington to join the Metropolitan Water Works system in 1899, said Duffy.

The new century dawned with the Heights drinking cleaner water ad, but a standpipe that did not instill pride. That changed in 1921 when the Metropolitan Districts Commission decided to build a new standpipe at Park Circle.

The Robbins sisters donated the structure, which was designed after a temple that "delighted the sisters on their

visit to the Grecian isles," according to the book, "Arlington Celebrates The Growing Years: 1875 to 1975."

The boring, run-of-the-mill standpipe would be replaced by one representing another time and place.

Duffy said the Park Circle landmark was built "toward the end of an era of civic architecture when such utilitarian structures were viewed as potential ornaments for their neighborhoods."

In fact, Europe viewed water towers as an opportunity for sophisticated architecture, as the French name for standpipe, chateau d'eau, which means water castle, suggests, said Duffy.

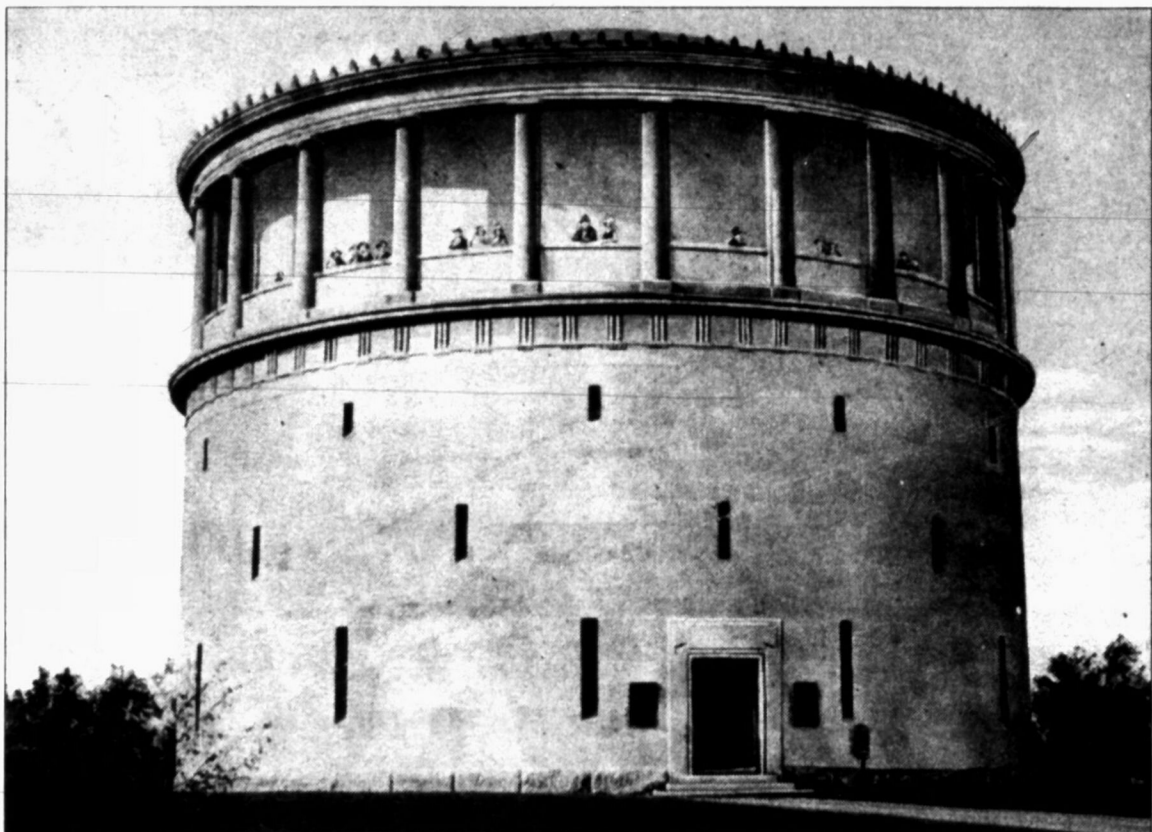
Arlington resident Fredrick F. Low designed the standpipe as work started in 1921. On Aug. 14, 1923, James A. Bailey, chairman of the MDC and Arlington native, broke ground with a silver trowel and Crane Construction Company laid the cornerstone.

Bailey was more than a native and MDC chairman. His ancestor, Solomon Peirce, who fought in the Revolution and who Peirce School is named after, owned land at the standpipe site. In fact, Bailey recalled family reunions held on the land long after his ancestor died.

According to The Advocate of Aug. 24, 1923, the new standpipe and its grounds would serve as an "ornament to this section of the town."

Though The Advocate predicted the project would be completed "before snow flies," the structure wasn't completed until June 1924.

In September 1924, MDC officials opened the standpipe to the public — a week



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This circa 1925 postcard shows the Park Circle standpipe shortly after it opened. The structure represents the Grecian period of 600 BC. The people on the balcony were actually drawn in by an artist to add interest to the image.

after the new Peirce School, at the other end of Park Avenue, was dedicated.

"The tower had excited no little interest not only by residents of Arlington, but as many others who have climbed to the top of Arlington Heights to inspect the beautiful piece of masonry or else motored to it for it can be seen for miles around and stand out as a beacon during the day," according to a 1924 issue of The Advocate.

Around 900 people came out to the event, which The Advocate reported on under the headline "Stone tower at the tip of Arlington Heights opened to the public last Sunday."

Attendees walked up the standpipe's five sets of stairs, mere feet from the two mil-

lion-gallon tank that supplied water to Arlington Heights and parts of Belmont and Lexington. Residents gazed at the first 45 feet of the standpipe, faced with Indiana limestone and narrow windows.

Reaching the balcony, they viewed 24 columns of monolithic stone, each 32 inches in diameter and 16 feet high weighing approximately five tons, which encircled the balcony. Scanning the scenery from 425 feet above sea level that day, attendees could see beyond Boston to the south and to New Hampshire to the north.

The Advocate busted with pride concerning the 80-foot structure that stretched to 460 feet above sea level.

"A more beautiful view of

the surrounding country cannot be obtained than that secured from the balcony of the tower... Arlington is fortunate in having had built in its town one of the most beautiful, if not the most beautiful, water tower in the state," the paper reported.

Duffy said the standpipe is just one example of the lasting legacy of the Robbins family.

"The Park Circle standpipe is an integral part of the civic beautification legacy of the Robbins family that gave the town its library, town hall, gardens and the Whittemore-Robbins House. And as a standalone landmark, it is the inspired work of a talented Arlington architect. Not a bad pedigree for a workaday water tank," said Duffy.



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The original Park Circle standpipe in the final stages of construction. To the left of the standpipe is the construction shack. To the right of the standpipe is "The Outlook," a health spa that was located on the northern corner of Eastern Avenue and Park Circle. The Outlook was torn down in the 1980s.

## Residents grappled with new development in July 1923

The following were items in The Advocate in July 1923.

- "Building is booming in Arlington. Never was real estate more active... It has gone out that Arlington is the place to buy real estate. People who have purchased property at a nominal figure are now being offered twice and three times the amount of the purchasing price, yet few are disposing of their property, in the center of the town at least."

- Lockeland Real Estate Trust in Boston promoted house lots for sale, including ones on Lockeland Avenue, Field Road, Gloucester Street, Irving Street, Gray Street, Valley Road, Churchill Avenue, Bailey Road and Wildwood Avenue.

- Editorial: "What town can boast of two such beautiful sheets of water as Arlington's Spy Pond, which belongs to Arlington and Mystic Lake, bordering on the south. There is still land in Arlington to be developed, not only near the center, but at Arlington Heights and in the Gray Street district, also the Summer Street section of the town. How it will be is up to the people of Arlington in a large measure."

- Town Meeting agreed to have the moderator appoint a board to review the town's bylaws.

- "While rounding the curves of Pleasant Street and Massachusetts Avenue a team of horses belonging to McCarthy Brothers of Harlow Street became frightened, allegedly by the steamroller being used at the construction of Massachusetts Avenue and bolted down the avenue."

John McCarthy who was holding the reins tried to check the horses' pace and finally brought them under control on Medford Street.

- Road construction on Massachusetts Avenue from Pleasant Street to Medford Street caused traffic congestion, but "efficient traffic officers" kept traffic moving at a reasonable pace.



### Looking Back

LES MASTERSON

- Town Meeting voted to appropriate \$4,000 to buy a tract of land or take it by eminent domain for the purposes of a school.

Elliott R. Barker of the committee on more school accommodation said Forest Street, where a school was previously eyed, was no longer diserable. He said a school at "Park Avenue North, Blossom Street, Newland Road and Summer Street extension" is the best site for a school instead.

The plot of land, approximately 110,000 square feet, was "assessed for three cents a foot."

- "What the town needs is a proper bathing beach with dressing rooms and run under the proper supervision."

- One hundred and twenty-nine students enrolled in Arlington's summer school program to let students "make up work in lessons in which they have failed, thus depriving them of promotion."

- An one-armed man stopped two runaway horses on Massachusetts Avenue.

The man was at a gas station when he saw the horses running from Locke Farm.

"As the horses tore along, he stood directly in front of them and started waving his one arm. He had a wide circular motion to his swing and afterward explained that was the way they stopped horses in the west."

He stopped the horses before they ran off and caused any damage.

- At the Regent Theatre, which promoted free auto parking and a facility 20 degrees cooler than outside: Rose O' The Sea, Truxton King, The Electric House, In the Days of Buffalo Bill, Nero (the greatest screen spectacle of all times), The Broadway Bubble, Soul of the Beast, and Nine Points of the Law.

Les Masterson is editor of The Arlington Advocate. Looking Back appears monthly in The Advocate.



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Mystery houses — Does either of these Arlington houses look familiar to you? These unidentified dwellings were photographed around 1910 and limited data suggests that they might have been in Arlington Heights. The houses appear to be on corner lots, and the location of the fire hydrant and granite posts in one image might help a sharp-eyed reader in determining an exact location. Communicate your tips to the Arlington Historical Society at 781-648-4300 or ArlHistSoc@aol.com.





# Housing Corp. sells first home

BY ROBERTO SCALESE  
STAFF WRITER

There's a happy new homeowner on Wright Street, thanks to the Housing Corporation of Arlington.

The Wright Street home represents the first house sold to a low- or moderate-income family by the HCA. The group had been focusing primarily on buying and renting houses, according to Arlington Fair Housing Director Laura Wiener.

"I think we always wanted to have a diverse portfolio. We wanted to serve more segments of the population," said Wiener. "There are people who are renting that are ready to buy their first homes, but don't have the money for a market-rate loan."

That's where Cambridge Savings Bank comes in. The bank gave the new homeowner a low-interest loan to help purchase the house.

"When you are a community bank, you want to give back to the community," said bank Vice President of Community Reinvestment Margaret Keady. "It goes beyond the dollars and cents. You have to step up to the plate for your community."

Keady said Arlington and the Housing Corporation have always been great partners.



STAFF PHOTO BY LES MASTERSON  
**This Wright Street is the first sold by the Housing Corporation of Arlington.**

"They do a lot of great work in Arlington," said Keady.

The corporation has to date bought nine two-family homes, bringing a total of 18 affordable housing units to Arlington.

The Wright Street house was actually moved from the Reed's Brook site for \$1. The house was moved and the lot was reduced from 73,000 square feet to 8,200 square feet. The extra land was added to the Reed's Brook project. The once-abandoned home, which was rehabilitated, has now yielded open space and a new affordable dwelling for Arlington.

"We moved the house closer to the street on the same lot," said Wiener. "There was

actually a lot of land there."

Selectman Charles Lyons said Arlington walks the walk when it comes to affordable housing.

"In two years, we have brought 25 affordable housing units into Arlington. That's amazing," said Lyons. "This town's inclusionary housing bylaw is being used as a national model."

Lyons said a town with a dedication to affordable housing is a stronger community.

"The town is richer having a diversity of people living here," said Lyons.

Anyone looking for help with housing should contact the Fair Housing Department at 781-316-3429.

## Picket impacts Mill Street traffic

BY ROBERTO SCALESE  
STAFF WRITER

Brigham's and Teamsters Local 25 were able to agree on a contract before the ice cream could melt, but not before traffic tie-ups on Mill Street Monday.

Twenty-five Brigham's Teamsters, which included truck drivers and factory workers, picketed outside the ice cream institution's corporate office Monday, impacting traffic on the road. The workers were striking after they rejected Brigham's final offer on Saturday.

day, according to Teamster Local 25 President Richard Reardon.

"In the last couple of contracts, the workers bit the bullet and this time it was the company's turn to come up to the plate," said Reardon.

According to Reardon, the workers objected to the offered wage increase and proposed increase in health insurance cost.

"The co-pay increases would have canceled out the wage increase. It's like stealing one pocket to pay another," said Reardon.

The strike was scheduled to

continue into Tuesday, but an all-day bargaining session resulted in a contract acceptable to both sides. The picket stopped around 5:30 p.m. Monday afternoon.

Brigham's Director of Marketing Darryn Liekauskas said the company was happy to have everyone back in the fold.

"We are very happy here. Everything is business as usual," said Liekauskas of the five-year contract.

According to Police Chief Fred Ryan, there were no major incidents connected to the picket, beyond mild driver inconvenience.

DAVID YURMAN



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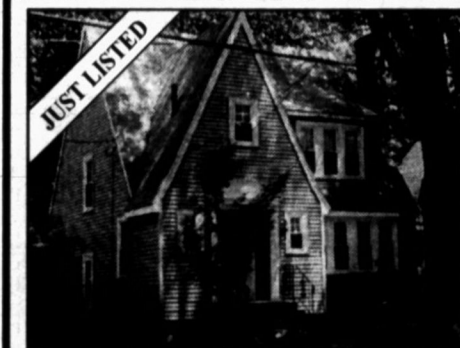
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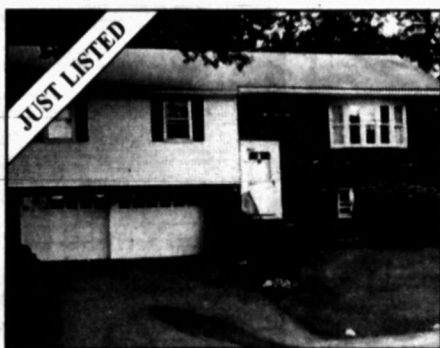
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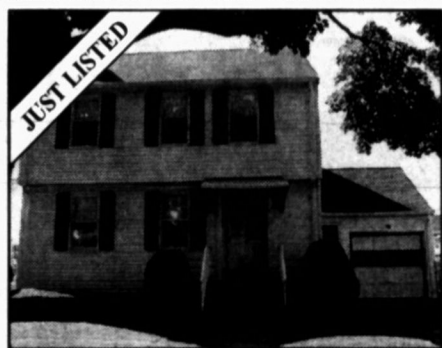
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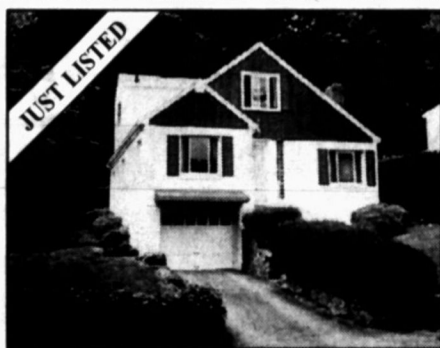
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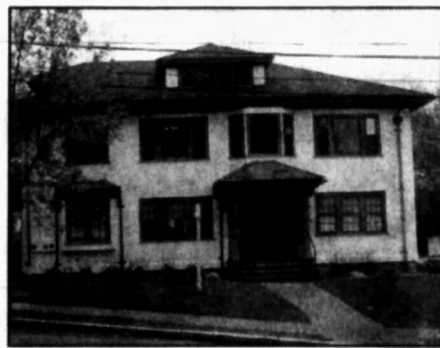
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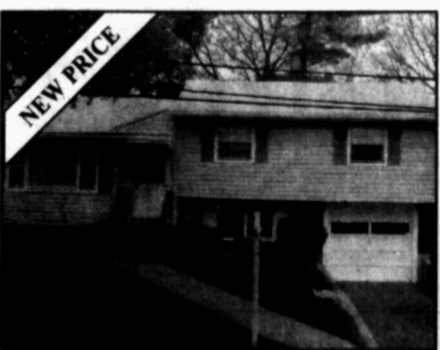
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The Arlington Chamber of Commerce will present The Pearl (formerly Paved Country), a pop/folk/roots-rock band, as part of its Arlington at Night Summer Concert Series tonight, July 27. The free concert will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on the Jefferson Cutter House lawn, corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Mystic Street. Next week, July 31, the chamber will host di bostoner klezmer.

## Art show at Germaine Lawrence

Germaine Lawrence Incorporated will host its third annual Art Show and Auction at the Germaine Lawrence gymnasium, 18 Claremont Ave. in Arlington, on Thursday, July 24 from 6-8 p.m. This event is free to the public.

The art show and auction

will highlight the art collection of Germaine Lawrence students. This event will display the talent and artistry of more than 50 students through different pieces ranging from mosaic mirrors to furniture.

Half of the proceeds from

the sale will support the Germaine Lawrence Art Program, and the other half will go directly to the student artists.

The art program also has a wish list for supplies. The program is in need of canvas boards, stained glass scraps, sculpting clay, pillow stuffing, Weldbond glue, acrylic paint, fake flowers, plaster bandage, wooden boxes, and blank greeting cards. Donations can be brought to the art show or to the main school building.

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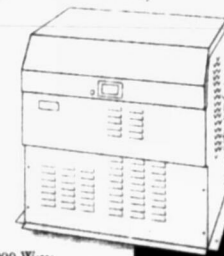
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# Foundation reports success

The Arlington Partners in Education Foundation fund-raising total hit \$120,000 in only three weeks this week.

Despite summer vacations and some hot, humid dog days, Arlington residents continue to support the emergency fund-raising for the Arlington Public Schools undertaken by APEF.

As of Monday, July 21, 353 contributions have been received from Arlington families, both with and without children in the schools, individuals and a few not-so-local grandparents, as well as from eight Arlington businesses.

The continuing Honor Roll of Donors follows:

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APEF has accepted gifts from \$5 to \$5,000, matching gifts from employers and gifts of stock. The funds are earmarked to support the priorities of the Arlington schools in the context of the current budget crisis.

To join this Honor Roll in supporting Arlington's Public Schools, please send your tax-deductible donation, and any applicable employer matching gifts, payable to Arlington Partners in Education Foundation to Jane Culbert, Treasurer, PO Box 80, Arlington, MA 02476.

For more information on APEF, see [www.arlington-schoolsfoundation.org](http://www.arlington-schoolsfoundation.org).

Submitted by to Arlington Partners in Education Foundation.

# Children's yard sale benefits schools

On Saturday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., children will be selling toys, games, clothes and many miscellaneous items with the proceeds going to raise money for the Arlington Partners Education Foundation at 215 Oakland Ave., Arlington.

APEF is a public charity established in 2001 with the sole mission of raising funds to support excellence in education in Arlington's public schools.

A special drive is underway until July 31 to raise enough money to maintain the improvements that schools have achieved over the past several years and to minimize

the effects on students from the severe budget reductions that have already begun.

The donations received will be applied to the system's priorities: reading specialists, K-12 classroom teachers, elementary science coordinator, school social workers, part-time grant writer and part-time gifted and talented/differentiated learning training and support.

Tax deductible donations may be made to Arlington Partners in Education Foundation (APEF), PO Box 80, Arlington, MA 02475.

Rain date is Sunday, July 27.

# Society hosts Tibetan music concert

Theosophical Society in Boston will host a Tibetan music concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 25 at the society's center, 21 Maple St., Arlington.

Penpa Tsering, a world class musician, singer, and dancer was born in Chamdo, Kham (eastern Tibet). In the 1970s and '80s, Penpa studied and performed throughout Tibet, traveling with his school's "Tibet Cultural Center" as a performing artist, studying and singing with the nomads of Kham.

In 1969, Tsering undertook an arduous 27-day trek over the Himalayas to Nepal to escape Chinese persecution. He was invited to join the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts (TIPA) in Dharamsala, India as a teacher and performer.

While in India, he also taught at the Chushi Gangdruk Institute for Performing Arts in Delhi. With TIPA, Tsering toured extensively throughout India, as well as in Japan, Thailand, Nepal, Sikkim, and Finland.

Tsering now resides in the Boston area, where he continues to teach and perform. His voice can frequently be heard on Voice of America.

Tsering has made a number of recordings, both as a solo artist and in connection with TIPA.

In this concert, he will perform on traditional instruments, including strings, flutes, and horns, and will discuss Tibetan philosophy and religion.

Cost is \$12/\$10 for members.

For more information, go to [www.tsboston.org](http://www.tsboston.org).

# Applications available for summer programs

Registrations are now being accepted for the Arlington Center for the Arts' 2003 Summer Vacation Arts Programs for children ages 5-12.

In any given week, students explore painting media, clay, drawing tools, printmaking, and mixed media. Themes focus on educational and fun topics emphasizing art-making as well as history, culture, science, and crafts.

The goal the Summer Arts Program is to inspire creative thinking, encourage exploration and problem solving skills. All programs are full-day (8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.); extended care is available from 8-8:45 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m.

The next two programs are:

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## Comment

The Birthplace of "Uncle Sam"

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## EDITORIAL

## Fund-raiser a chance to help public schools

**M**ore than 350 Arlingtonians have answered the schools' plea for help, but the Arlington Partners in Education Foundation is still well short of its goal.

Over only three weeks, advocates have collected donations ranging from \$5 to \$5,000, totaling \$120,000.

There is only a week left and APEF needs every dollar possible to approach its \$665,000 goal.

The money would go toward hiring reading teachers (\$250,000), classroom teachers (\$145,000), elementary science coordinator (\$45,000), school social workers (\$175,000) and part-time grant writer and part-time gifted and talented/differentiated learning training and support person (\$50,000).

If residents are unsure what to give, APEF has provided suggestions: \$282, which would have been the average tax bill increase if the Proposition 2 1/2 override passed last month, and \$400, which is the new federal child tax credit.

Obviously, there are many in the community who can't afford either option, but APEF will gladly accept any donation.

The Advocate applauds APEF for its activism. Even if the fund-raising drive doesn't reach the final goal, these caring Arlingtonians can be assured that they gave it their all to help the Arlington Public Schools.

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to Arlington Partners in Education Foundation, Jane Culbert, Treasurer, PO Box 80, Arlington, MA 02476.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Help schools by donating to fund

**S**hould we raise private money for public education? I struggled with this question for weeks.

First I decided it was a bad course of action; then, after changing my mind several times, I finally chose to work with the Arlington Partners in Education (soon to be known as Arlington Schools Foundation) to raise money for our schools.

This decision seems right for me. Knowing that there are others struggling with this issue, I will share the reasons that led me to work for something that I once opposed.

First and foremost, the loss of services, even for one year, will have a profound impact on students. Larger class sizes and the elimination of reading specialists and school social workers create large holes in the safety net that supports many of our students. I cannot stand by and watch our kids fall.

Second, we have invested highly in our faculty. We've provided thousands of hours of professional development and created strong school-based teams. Teachers, social workers and specialists have learned to work collaboratively to support kids and families.

In a few years, we may be able to again fill many of the positions we've cut. However, it will take us much longer to rebuild highly-effective teams of professionals. I cannot stand by and watch us dismantle an organization that has taken us so long to create and which will take us years to rebuild.

A majority of Arlington voters did not respond to our plea for funds. Where else can the School Committee turn? What if Bill Gates offered us a grant for \$665,000 — to spend as we deemed appropriate, no strings attached? Certainly, I would vote to accept his money.

Bill doesn't live in Arlington. We do and we have our very own foundation. As of Monday, July 21, we've raised more than \$100,000.

Dear friends and neighbors, please join the effort to raise the funds that will bring back reading specialists, smaller class sizes, the unified elementary science program, school social workers, and parts of the ACE program.

This emergency fund-raising

effort ends July 31. Please send your tax-deductible donation to the Arlington Partners in Education Foundation, c/o Jane Culbert, Treasurer, P.O. Box 80, Arlington, MA 02476.

More information is available on the Web site: [www.Arlingtonschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.Arlingtonschoolsfoundation.org).

As Fred Rogers, a.k.a. Mr. Rogers, once said, "We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It is easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes."

Barbara C. Goodman  
School Committee member

## Responds to incidents

**T**he recent incident of spray painting vehicles in Arlington with hate graffiti reminds us that we must continue to be vigilant in our efforts to promote tolerance and stand up against prejudice in any form ("Racist graffiti investigated: Police Dept. also targeted," July 17 Advocate).

We applaud the aggressive investigation on the part of the Police Department to find the perpetrators of this incident.

The Arlington Human Rights Commission condemns any hate-based actions in our town. While we do not wish to give publicity to the individuals who committed this act, an absence of response implies that we in Arlington tolerate this type of behavior.

As a community, our best response is to strongly voice that we will not accept this in our town and to make every attempt to create an environment in which all individuals feel safe.

Any resident who has any information on this incident or who has been the victim of a hate crime is urged to contact the Police Department at 781-643-1212 or the Commission at 781-316-3250.

Sheri Baron  
For the Arlington Human Rights Commission

## McClennen says thank you

**O**n July 1, 2003, I was honored by hundreds of Arlingtonians under a tent

## Letters to the editor policy

Do you have an opinion about a story you read? Do you disagree or agree with an editorial or another letter writer? Are you pleased or displeased about something?

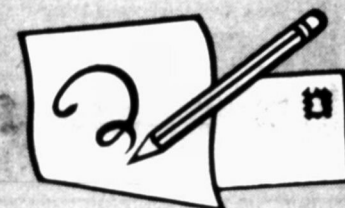
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To be published, here is a quick idea of what we want:

- A signature, your street address and either a daytime phone number, home phone number, or both. We will not print the information — only your name, street name, and title (where applicable). We will not print anonymous letters.

- Letters should be limited to 400 words.

- We reserve the right to edit for space, clarity, and civility. The Advocate respects differences of opinions, but we also demand respectful discourse.



- If we receive multiple letters on the same subject, we may run a sampling of opinion.

- The Advocate will not run letters from the same person in consecutive weeks.

- Letters must be dropped off at the Advocate drop box — Community Safety Building lobby, 112 Mystic St. — by noon Monday or delivered by 5 p.m. Monday to the office at 9 Meriam St., Lexington 02420.

- Readers can also fax their letters to 781-674-7735 by 5 p.m. Monday.

- E-mail is also an option at [arlington@cnc.com](mailto:arlington@cnc.com) by 5 p.m. Monday.

on the grounds of the Whittemore Robbins House upon the completion of my 29 years as the town's director of planning and community development.

I am grateful to all of you who came to the celebration, who wrote notes of appreciation, sent me e-mails or even stopped me on the street. I want to take this opportunity to thank you.

I enjoyed every day of my career in Arlington although I must admit that some days were better than others. Residents of Arlington care deeply about their community. Your investment in our town made it easier for me to plan because you had many of the good ideas. My task was to organize them for implementation. Collectively we made many positive changes during my tenure.

As I leave, I want to thank you all for a successful partnership.

Alan McClennen Jr.  
Watermill Place

## Spotlights error in story

**A**lthough we all deplore racist and anti-Semitic graffiti as discussed in last week's story, "Racist graffiti investigated," the article also calls attention to another scourge — "anti-Semantic" slurs.

Thank you for coining a new term which should

prove useful. "Anti-Semanticism" describes the modern condition where a writer or editor over-relies on computer spell-checking and does not proofread their work, resulting in language that may be in the dictionary, but is incorrect when read in context.

The appearance of this term in the first sentence of your top story serves to highlight the importance of the issue.

Judy Lebow  
High Haith Road

## RAD self-defense classes praised

**T**hank you for bringing my attention to the RAD self-defense classes for women and children that is currently offered in Arlington.

I recently completed the program and found it to be extremely worthwhile. Invaluable information and techniques are taught to address today's safety concerns. I encourage Arlington residents to register for this important and timely program.

The RAD KIDS summer program is offered in late July and August and classes for women and children are scheduled for the fall.

For more information, call 877-FOR-SELF.

Lisa LaMontagne  
Mystic Street

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